

volunteers, for all of their hard work organizing this fall's Jubilee. I especially want to salute all the hard-working citizens of Highland, past and present, who have made the community such a great place to live and work. I am proud to represent such an outstanding community, and I want to wish them another 175 years of success.

RECOGNIZING CARONDELET VILLAGE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the August 23, 2012 ritual celebration of the new Carondelet Village in Saint Paul, Minnesota, a shared vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Presbyterian Homes and Services to raise the standard for older adult living in this community.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have long used their faith to forge relationships to promote the common good throughout our community. They understand that working for the good of all requires all elements of the human condition to be addressed. This is the idea that guided the Carondelet Village project—designing a community where all aspects of the lives of seniors could be nurtured and strengthened. They found an excellent partner in Presbyterian Homes and Services.

Presbyterian Homes and Services has been addressing the housing and health needs of the senior community in Minnesota since 1946. Striving to do more than just meet housing needs, Presbyterian Homes also works continuously to improve the quality of its buildings and the care it provides for the older adult community. Seeing a need for senior living in Saint Paul, it drew upon decades of experience to address it. With the Sisters of St. Joseph, Presbyterian Homes posed the question of how to attend to the needs of seniors as a whole, rather than merely providing a place to live.

When the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Homes came together, they created a community that respects diversity and provides a space for spiritual development in order to enrich the lives of residents and their families.

The Carondelet Village is a place that enables residents to reach their highest potential. At the heart of the Village is the embodiment of this vision—the Carondelet Circle—a community space where residents can work on their art, faith, health or just grab a cup of coffee.

Neighbors met the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Home plan with praise and intense interest. Before ground was even broken, seniors began placing reservations. By the time the doors opened in December of 2011, the Village was nearly at full occupancy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Carondelet Village and the successful efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Homes in providing needed housing and a supportive community for older residents of Minnesota.

A TRIBUTE TO DON TOLLEFSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Don Tollefson for his years of dedicated journalism in the city of Philadelphia. For almost 40 years, Don Tollefson has represented the essence of sports in the Delaware Valley.

Moving to Philadelphia in 1975, Don Tollefson held the position of Sportscaster and Sports Director for Channel 6 News. Don is most notably known for his years of service at Fox 29. Don was the co-host of Good Day Philadelphia for several years and also hosted a variety of sports-related programs including The Ray Rhoades Show and Eagles Game Day Live. More recently, Don has reported preseason games and halftime shows for the Philadelphia Eagles and co-hosts the show Eagles Game Plan.

Don Tollefson's contributions to the area stretch further than his journalism. Don is the creator of a non-profit motivational program, One Child Saved, that brings together athletes, entertainers and people in the television industry to talk to disadvantaged children. One Child Saved teaches under-privileged kids the importance of anti-hatred and anti-violence, while motivating the children to pursue careers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Don Tollefson and thanking him for his years of service and dedication to the city of Philadelphia.

GOREVILLE BLACKCATS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a state championship softball team from Goreville, Illinois.

After a number of successful seasons, including a close call last year, the Goreville Blackcats finally reached the IHSA softball state finals this year. But they did more than just show up: the Blackcats swept through the semifinals and finals without allowing their opponents to score a single run, en route to the program's first state championship.

I want to extend my congratulations to Coach Shanna Massey, who also won her 100th career game this year, and her assistant coach Teresa Cash. But I especially want to congratulate the members of the 2012 Goreville Blackcats state championship team: Ashlee Webb, Sydnee Rushing, Taylor Odom, Laenya Maze, McKenzie Schaede, Shelby Miller, Alison Webb, Haley Darnell, Hannah Murley, Brittney Pritchett, Micaela Allred, Kaylee Webb and Tiffani Shadowens. They have made history for their school and made their community proud.

I join with the other Members of this House in congratulating to the Blackcats, and wishing them best of luck in all their academic and athletic endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP E. MCGHEE'S 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Phillip E. McGhee, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major General Phillip E. McGhee will retire as the Director of the Army Budget. His service spans over thirty-three years active military duty of which he served selflessly dedicated, extra-ordinary effort both peacetime and combat to the United States Army.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1979, after his graduation from Columbus State University with a bachelor's degree in Business, Major General McGhee went to his first assignment as an Infantry Platoon leader with the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Following his transfer into the Finance Corps, Major General McGhee has served around the world in a wide variety of finance and comptroller leadership assignments throughout his illustrious career culminating as the Director of the Army Budget at the Department of the Army, Washington, DC, responsible for the Army's \$245 billion current budget.

Major General McGhee has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Senior Parachutist Badge, just to name a few.

The United States Army and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and valued leaders as Major General Phillip E. McGhee retires and moves back into his role as a citizen. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Major General Phillip E. McGhee's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully three generations of Soldiers and their families and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to recognize Major General McGhee's long and distinguished career today and also acknowledge the great benefit to the Nation he has provided as the Director of the Army Budget. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General McGhee for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Candy, their son Shawn and his wife, Stacey, and his two granddaughters, Hailey and Aiden, all the best as they continue on in their life's journey.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit the following work that was offered to me on behalf of Marine Corporal Jessie Kent Fletcher, a constituent and wounded warrior who honorably served our country in Afghanistan.